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RE: DEPT TEL 780
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I HAVE CONVEYED TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GOROSTIZA AND TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR DIAZ ORDAZ, SAID BY FOREIGN OFFICE TO BE ACTING HEAD OF STATE, TEXT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S LETTER TO LOPEZ MATEOS AND SUBSTANCE OF TELEVISION ADDRESS. I STRESSED THAT SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION AND UNITED STATES PURPOSE CLEARLY EVIDENT FROM TEXTS REFERRED TO AND SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO UNDERESTIMATE FEELINGS OF PRESIDENT, CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PEOPLE.

GOROSTIZA SAID HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DEFINE MEXICAN POSITION AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT TOMORROW, OCTOBER 23, WAS TOO EARLY TO EXPECT REACTION FROM MEXICO IN VIEW OF LOPEZ MATEOS PRESENCE IN MANILA. I REMINDED HIM OF POSSIBILITY MEXICAN PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALREADY INFORMED BY OUR AMBASSADOR THERE. I EXPECT GOROSTIZA AND DIAZ ORDAZ WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ MATEOS TONIGHT.

DIAZ ORDAZ WAS MUCH MORE FORTHCOMING. HE SAID ON ISSUE OF INTERNAL SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN ISSUED TO ALL GOVERNORS AND TO MILITARY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER AND PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY. HE SAID HE WOULD KEEP US FULLY

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INFORMED OF ANY INFORMATION COMING INTO HIS POSSESSION AND REQUESTED THAT WE DO LIKEWISE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD THOUGHT FOR SOMETIME UNITED STATES DECISION ALONG THESE LINES WAS INEVITABLE AND WHILE HE MADE NO COMMITMENT CONCERNING MEXICAN POSITION IN OAS SAID TO ME AS I LEFT HIS OFFICE "GOOD LUCK TO BOTH OF US".

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